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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING CONFIRMATION
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Sir:

Provided herewith is a PTO-1449 listing the three references cited in the International Search Report dated September 14, 2000. Those references are U.S. Patent No. 4,379,033, GB Patent No. 2,159,538, and AU Patent No. 81194/87. A copy of the International Search Report was submitted together with this National Phase Application and was also transmitted by the International Bureau to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P § 609, the section entitled "II. National STAGE APPLICATIONS," the Examiner is required to consider documents cited in the International Search Report.

Since these references have been considered, the Applicant provides the attached PTO-1449, so that the Examiner may initial next to the references, and so that the references will be printed on the face of the patent issuing from this application. Copies of two of the references are also supplied for the Examiner's convenience. The Australian reference is not available as a printed patent.

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